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British Troops Bombed, Stoned By Cypriots

By IBBR K. RUSSELL
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NICOSIA, Tuesday. — British troops were bombed and stoned yesterday by rioting Cypriot youths during a marching demonstration in the island's Venetian-walled capital, Nicosia. The rioters were protesting against recent British actions to prevent manfestations for *Enosis*.

Tear gas was repeatedly used against the rioting crowds, who pelted the soldiers with bricks and stones in many parts of the city. Two British soldiers were killed by terrorists at British troops as dusk fell tonight over the riot-torn city. One British soldier was seriously wounded and was sent to hospital.

Today's riots brought to a head the five days of terrorist activity aimed against the British colonial forces. British soldiers have been killed and five seriously wounded during this violent outbreak — the worst since the British occupation of the island 77 years ago.

As the terrorist offensive increases daily, hopes for a solution to the Cyprus question appear dim. The Greeks insist that Britain's offer of autonomy for Cyprus will be satisfactory, while Britain is categorically refusing to accept a change in the status of the island except towards self-government.

AND the customer, if he has *À la carte* of payment, is like the customer in American restaurants — always right. That accounts for a number of Middle East States just now, who have oil, bases, cheap manpower to work at the bases and later, perhaps, to bring labour battalions up to establishment. Israel has no really base itself and has enough manpower to work the bases if they were there. She has democracy, stability, an army and a people who can take rough handling if it comes; but no room for anyone but herself to move. And, in strategic reckoning, is not man used as a war-head if the big world clash should come.

AT any rate I suppose that is the argument. I don't suppose for a minute that the argument is anything to do with the so-called "right" of the Foreign Office and State Department and although, alas, it has something to do with 1947 and certain odd boundaries sketched out in that year, almost certainly it has nothing to do with the man who exists between Berlin and Tel Aviv, and is referred to by the new British Minister to Israel, M. Amaury Holvoet, when he presented his credentials to President Isak Ben-Zvi in Jerusalem yesterday.

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The execution brought to 17 the death toll in the Berlin affair. News of the latest six deaths came in two broadcasts. Five were mentioned by Tiflis Radio this morning, and the sixth in a broadcast today over Tiflis Radio, former Foreign Minister of Georgia, who had been sentenced to death in Moscow for the past six weeks, but correspondents have been unable to clear reports through the censorship.

Those executed were: Rukhadze, one-time Chief of the Prosecution Department of the Georgian Ministry of Justice, and former Security Minister; Rukhadze, former Commissar of Interior; Shavitsky, former Prosecutor of the Ministry of Interior; and Khasanov, former Prosecutor of the Ministry of Interior.

The two countries are based on the firm and everlasting principles of tradition and a respect for ethical values," the new Minister said in his speech.

"This similarity enables our two peoples to honour and hold in esteem loyalty to the common ideals which are inherent in both nations," M. Holvoet added.

In his reply, the President stressed that the link between the two peoples was owing to the sublime teachings of the Book of Books, on which both nations based their approach to ethical values and ideals.

M. Holvoet, who is a Doctor of Law, was until now Director of the Central European Division of the Belgian Foreign Ministry. He joined the Belgian Foreign service in 1938 and has also served in the Belgian missions in Berlin and London.

BEN-GURION'S HEALTH IMPROVING

The condition of Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, who was taken ill with influenza early this week, continued to improve yesterday. The Prime Minister is still confined to his bed at the President Hotel in Jerusalem with a slight temperature.

Toy Fund Nears First Thousand

The Jerusalem Post-Sa'ad Toy Fund is nearing its first thousand and pounds and today stands at £1,054.46. The campaign swings into its stride.

From off Guayaquil, Ecuador, the father of Gabriel Alexander has sent \$10, writing that "each year when Hanukkah nears you open a Toy Campaign for children. Please find my humble contribution in the name of our son."

In a letter accompanying his personal contribution for £10, Meyer W. Weingal, writing from Rehovot, says "I consider this campaign to be one of the brighter spots on the Israel horizon. When we have a campaign, the selfless herself had made."

Nasukka is only 15 days off — there is not much time left — act now so that we are able to answer the many calls for help that are now coming in.

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Today's Postbag

THE WEATHER

FORECAST: Cloudy, with intermittent showers accompanied by thunderstorms.

Mr. Cawson	A	B	C	D
Tiberias	25	25	25	25
Haifa Port	25	25	25	25
Nahariya	25	25	25	25
Tel Aviv, Kirya	25	25	25	25
Tel Aviv, Port	25	25	25	25
Lydda Airport	25	25	25	25
Jerusalem	25	25	25	25
Bnei Brak	25	25	25	25
Haifa	25	25	25	25

"A" Sunday at 2 p.m. "B" Monday morning. "C" Maximum temp. "D" Maximum temp. expected today.

THE RETAIL price of oranges has been fixed by the Price Controller at IL25 per kilogram and the standard price of 100 grams of a kilogram by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and announced yesterday.

A BUILDING worker, Moshe Shalom, 32, of the Givat Shaul quarter of Jerusalem, was seriously injured when he fell from the roof of the Jewish Agency building in Jerusalem yesterday. He was taken to Hadassah Hospital where his condition is improving.

A VAGRANT who smashed the flagstaff on the transportation on Sunday in Zion Square in Jerusalem, was yesterday ordered detained for two days by the Jerusalem Magistrate. When informed of his imprisonment, he said that he was happy to go to jail where he would have a place to sleep. The damage is estimated at IL2.

NINETY-NINE cases of fire during the past summer are reported by the Mutual Agriculture Insurance Company in the "Ha'ash" magazine. The period covered is April 1 - October 1. The greatest damage, over IL2,000, was caused when 75 tons of hay caught fire at Ashdot Ya'akov in April.

Tests at Heletz Tomorrow

Jerusalem Post Bureau TEL AVIV, Tuesday. - Oil will again flow at Heletz 1 on Thursday morning, when the long-awaited production tests are to begin. They are meant to estimate the potential quantity of oil in the well, and are expected to continue for a few days. The main stream of the liquid will run to the large tanks near the rig.

The beginning of the first oil production tests in the country will probably be witnessed by the Minister of Development, Mr. Mordochai Bentov, together with the management and geologists of Lapidot and Israel Oil Prospectors, the operating companies.

Drilling at Heletz 3 is continuing smoothly and has now reached a depth of 1,000 feet. At Heletz 2, preparations for drilling are going ahead, and the bit is expected to start turning in a week.

Our Beersheba correspondent reports that oil drilling was begun near Halutot in the Western Negev by the Israeli-American Oil Corporation yesterday afternoon. The well is 6,000 feet, and if necessary a larger one will be drilled in, it was reported. The work is being executed by Israeli Work Works Ltd. as the sub-contractors.

AMMONIA TO BE REFINED FROM HELETZ GAS

Ammonia is to be refined from the gas of the Heletz oil well. It was reported on Monday night in Jerusalem by Professor A. Katchalsky of the Hebrew University at a lecture to the Jerusalem Labour Council. The ammonia will be manufactured by Fertilizers and Chemicals of Haifa. It was reported that Katchalsky was of the opinion that Fertilizers and Chemicals would turn out 15,000 tons of ammonia a year, which would serve as a base for the manufacture of chemical fertilizers.

COAST TO BE SURVEYED FOR PIPELINE OUTLET

Jerusalem Post Reporter ASHKELON, Tuesday. - The coast between Ashkelon and Shefayim is to be surveyed on behalf of Lapidot Ltd. for suitable points for the outlet of the Heletz oil to the coast. It was stated here last night by the Mayor, Dr. H. Sonnabend, speaking at a meeting of the Ashkelon Rotary Club.

The Mayor also disclosed that a Diesel motor factory originally intended for Ashkelon is to be moved to the new town of Kiryat Gat.

RATION NEWS

JERUSALEM: Tea: 50 grams for Dales and Gimel cards, 100 grams for Gimel cards, 21.1 grams for Gimel card, 100 grams for Gimel card, 20.5 grams for Gimel card, 10.5 grams for Gimel card, 5.5 grams for Gimel card, 2.5 grams for Gimel card, 1.5 grams for Gimel card, 0.5 grams for Gimel card, 0.25 grams for Gimel card, 0.125 grams for Gimel card, 0.0625 grams for Gimel card, 0.03125 grams for Gimel card, 0.015625 grams for Gimel card, 0.0078125 grams for Gimel card, 0.00390625 grams for Gimel card, 0.001953125 grams for Gimel card, 0.0009765625 grams for Gimel card, 0.00048828125 grams for Gimel card, 0.000244140625 grams for Gimel card, 0.0001220703125 grams for Gimel card, 0.00006103515625 grams for Gimel card, 0.000030517578125 grams for Gimel card, 0.0000152587890625 grams for Gimel card, 0.00000762939453125 grams for Gimel card, 0.000003814697265625 grams for Gimel card, 0.0000019073486328125 grams for Gimel card, 0.00000095367431640625 grams for Gimel card, 0.000000476837158203125 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Wednesday, November 26, 1958. Kibbutz 6, 1958—Haifa 1958. Kibbutz 6, 1958.

THE opening conference of the Baghdad pact's Permanent Council must have taken a strange turn if the "New York NURI SETS T I M E S" thought it necessary editorially to remind the participants that the threat to the five member nations comes from the north, and not from Israel. The tone of the first session on Tuesday seemed to have been set by the Iraqi Prime Minister who, in his welcoming address, chose precisely this forum for a "declaration of independence" in which he stated that his Government felt free to use her military forces "for the assistance of any Arab states subject to Israel aggression."

No one in this country will be surprised at Nuri e-Sa'id's reiteration of Iraq's hostility towards Israel; nor, even at the fact that the outburst should have come at this particular conference. It might have been expected, however, that at least some of the participants would not leave it to an editorial writer to oceans away to remind the Iraqi Prime Minister, and the conference itself, of their official business in Baghdad. Instead, the world was treated to a picture of the British Foreign Minister, and the Premiers of Turkey, Persia and Pakistan, apparently in tacit agreement that the question of Israeli-Arab relations was a top item on the agenda of this newly formed alliance, and having no comment to make on the expressed intention of one of its members to employ against Israel the arms it receives under the treaty; and no quarrel, by implication at least, with the fact that as partners in the pact they might become involved in such a conflict.

In straying so far from their original avowed conception—as organizing sponsors of regional defence against possible Soviet moves—the conference can hardly escape the suspicion that they feared a still-born alliance. Soviet military and economic penetration of the Middle East is no longer a threat but a reality. Mr. Macmillan has stated that the Czechoslovak arms deal with Egypt was not a reply to the Baghdad pact, but that the pact "came along just in time to stonewall them going further." If the pact was not to crumble before the ink was dry on the signatures, it had no choice but to descend to the lowest common denominator which, at the Iraqi level, was inevitably threats against Israel.

Iraq has remained the only Arab member of the pact, and though in partnership with three other Moslem nations, is acutely aware that she alone in the Arab world has chosen an outright pro-Western orientation. As a founding member, and because she alone can be expected to attract at least Hashemite Jordan into the treaty, Iraq is adjudged to be essential to the Baghdad pact, and the split personality which Nuri e-Sa'id's Government has thus acquired may yet be the organization's greatest liability.

It is Turkey, gradually slipping away again from the westernization of Kemal Pasha, that has taken the most noticeable step backwards. In the original treaty, Iraq's chief intention in joining—an access of strength against Israel—was referred to only in an exchange of letters providing "close cooperation for the implementation of U.N. resolutions concerning Palestine." At the time Ankara's position was interpreted as a move to forestall Egyptian criticism of the agreement and gather the support of other Arab states, while private assurances were given to Israel that the treaty in no way detracted from Turkey's friendly relations with this country. New pressures in Turkey appear to have robbed these assurances of their value. Furthermore, Turkey was reluctant to point out to the British and American representatives present how far the pact had swayed from its original path until it was fast reduced to the status of another Arab League.



New Campus of the Hebrew University was used for the first time when the 1958/59 academic season opened last week. The photo shows students strolling among the new science lecture hall, the first of the buildings completed. Terraced gardens and blooming flowers around Canada Hall provide an ideal atmosphere for academic life. Work continues on other faculty buildings and the dormitories. —Photo by Braun.

Tory Government Muddles On

By GEORGE LICHTHEIM

LONDON— HOW can they possibly go on?" a former Conservative back-bencher, Mr. Christopher Hollis, asked himself and his 150,000 readers in "Punch" the other day after spending a few hours in the House of Commons studying the Government's handling of the Burgess-Macmillan imbroglio. But they and Sir Anthony Eden and his colleagues. The only explanation he could think of was that "they" were being kept in office by the even greater inaptitude of "what by a comic strip is called the Opposition." Mr. Hollis was not alone in noticing that on the Burgess-Macmillan issue, Government and Opposition cooperated to stiffen the back-benchers, and that this collusion enabled Sir Anthony Eden and Mr. Macmillan to escape relatively unscathed. Certainly, no one could have things hot for them. Hardly anyone tried, and in the end the whole matter was allowed to die a quiet death.

Cyprus Handling This was not the only recent occasion when some of the Government's own supporters were worried by its inaptitude. Leaving Geneva aside (after all, who expected anything to come of it), there is Cyprus. Could anything have been more foolish than the "handing of this business, in recent years, and months, right down the political ladder" by everyone? It is agreed that the only hand left is to turn the place into a NATO responsibility? (And perhaps Gibraltar next?) Yet the Government gets away with what in an earlier age would have been a political scandal. The only reason is that Labour's blood is not easily caused to boil, unless it is a question of an extra suspense on the beer tax; but one would have thought that so obvious an opportunity as Cyprus would be hard to forge.

And then there is Israel. After the last round, it is perhaps no surprise that Sir Anthony's monumental coffee in his Guildhall speech of November 9 is still a major set of statements by "The Times," and receives only the mildest reproof in "The Economist" which, however, maintains the Foreign Office goes on to antagonise the intransigence of Cyprus, and of the Arab-Israel issue, demanding to know "what in the name of Bismarck, is a responsible statesman doing, phrasing the "Manchester Guardian," and

gets a really sharp rebuke only from the Conservative "Spectator." ("So ill-advised as to be positively disastrous.")

The "Guardian" is

restrained in its comments on Sir Anthony's performance. "The Prime Minister's handling of Mr. Macmillan's handling of Cyprus is not very good."

Just that and nothing more.

"Not very happy." At this rate the Opposition will still be handily beaten, and the Conservative will not even know, by which time the chance of robbing the public to what is going on will have been lost.

To understand Sir Anthony Eden's performance on the Middle Eastern issue, one must appreciate what this Government really looks like at close quarters. The inevitable comparison with Bevin's behaviour in 1946-47 suggests that we are in the presence of a moderately amateurish and impulsive disaster-prone policy. This is a misconception though it is true that the Eden-Macmillan Government has inherited the anti-Israel line which Bevin was compelled to drop in 1949. It is, after all, the same line that Bevin's own Foreign Office, which still exists, is carrying on.

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MUSICAL DIARY

The Israel String Quartet: Leon Rosenthal, conductor. Mordechai Rechman, bassoon. ("Old Friends," Tel Aviv, 11.11.58. J.S. Bach: Suite No. 1 in C major; Mozart: Concerto for Bassoon and Orchestra (K. 411); Ravel: "Valses nobles et sentimentales"; Stravinsky: "Rite of Spring").

OPENING with the stately introduction of the Bach suite and ending with the fireworks of a Stravinsky climax, Emanuel Rosenthal's first concert presented a highly spiced programme. If Bach and Mozart were more successful, it was interesting to hear them side-by-side. Nevertheless, the performances of the Ravel and Stravinsky works, introduced by the conductor for the first time in Israel, were superb.

In the Bach suite, the superb strings of the orchestra were at their very best, both in the spacious dance movements, which combined a strict metric beat and a sense of free movement.

Perfect Match

Making his debut as a soloist with the orchestra, Mordechai Rechman, its first bassoonist, gave a moving and intimate solo concerto. His tone was clear and mellow, and was perfectly matched by the diminished orchestra, which was a model of balanced concerto accompanying.

Albähn's trio has qualities that should not be denied. There is a mood of relaxation in their interpretation which made us forget sometimes a chamber music source of tenuous stiffness where every passage, so measured, seemed to stand between quotes and in capital print. This air of Latin sensitivity

was interpreted with real finesse.

Trio Programme

MESSING: A bille a b (piano); Braker (Violin) and Meissner (Cello) performed a set of piano trios by Haydn, Mendelssohn and Brahms in the "T" Room, Monday night. A bill that is so limited in scope and timbre threatens to be monotonous even when executed by the best ensemble.

We have heard better performances of Ravel's sentimental suite caught the purple plums atmosphere of the music, but it was insufficiently transparent and luminous to catch the tinsel of the rich orchestral minutes. Furthermore, the Stravinsky ballet suite with its rhythmic vivacity was a rumbustious, rambling work, and Rosenthal contrived to conjure up the action with inimitable dances but the humorous moments were treated somewhat seriously.

Kolossal

leaves one with the wish to hear the trio again. We only hope that in their next programme they will give proof of their variety in contemporary music as well.

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Schoenber, soprano; Ita Brucker, violin; Arié Mirkin, viola, violoncello.

Haifa Town Hall, November 29.

HAIFA'S moribund musical life

has been rejuvenated by the Cultural Department of the Haifa Municipality. This is all the more noteworthy since the efforts made by the public to keep the Haifa Orchestra alive ended in failure and nothing is heard about reviving it.